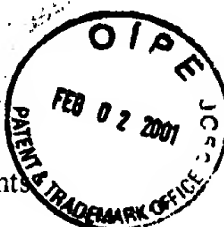


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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 30, 2000, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**In the Specification**

On page 5, line 4, delete -- top -- , and insert -- bottom --

**In the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A surface covering comprising:
  - (a) leaves arranged to form a stack of said leaves having at least a first leaf and a last leaf, such that said first leaf forms an outer covering surface, each of said leaves comprising:
    - (i) a first surface adapted to serve as said covering surface, wherein said first surface is without adhesive; and

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